

Caller Questions from August 12, 2021

- 1. Carol from Hope Valley: Requested that Baker Pines Road, a dirt road near the Arcadia Management Area, be graded so it can provide direct access to Nooseneck Hill Road in Richmond**

This road is owned by RIDEM and is part of the Arcadia Management area. These and other dirt roads they own provide access into the management areas but not as throughways between major state or town roads. They're dirt to prevent recreational users from driving too fast on their way in or out.

- 2. Tony from West Warwick: Asked if we're replacing the entire bridge on Route 5 (Greenwich Avenue) at the entrance of Warwick Mall and wondered how much longer we're going to be there**

As part of this ongoing \$19.9 million safety improvement project which is on time and on budget, we are replacing the Pontiac Bridge. We are doing work now through October, will take a break for the holiday season, then will resume our work in February of next year. The project, slated for completion in summer 2023, also includes traffic signal upgrades, and new sidewalks and pavement from Mayfield Avenue in Cranston to the I-95 overpass in Warwick.

- 3. Peggy from Portsmouth: Inquired why we're adding a traffic signal on East Main Road at Glen Farm in Portsmouth when she said we already have signals at Sandy Point Avenue and Union Street**

The new traffic signal on East Main Road at Glen Farm (intersection of Linden Lane/Oakland Farm Road) to which Peggy referred is being added for safety reasons due to the overall traffic volumes, congestion and crashes within this corridor. With the Town's concurrence, it will be installed in 2022. Once installed, it and the two other signals Peggy mentioned, will be coordinated and timings optimized to allow traffic to flow through all three intersections with minimal impact.

4. Shane from Kingston: Asked for an extra arrow to keep “out-of-staters” from cutting people off at the dedicated left turn lane from Route 102 (Ten Rod Road) South onto Route 2 (South County Trail) South in North Kingstown

This fall, we plan to add additional signage (to I-95/right lane) and enhanced striping at this intersection to better direct motorists, who may not be as familiar with the area, as they head to I-95.

5. Sal from Scituate: Asked if we can outlaw recapped tires on tractor trailer trucks

We checked with the Rhode Island State Police (RISP). Per federal regulation, there can be no recapped tires on any bus or vehicles carrying people and no re-grooved tires on any front tires of a truck or truck tractor, with a load carrying capacity equal or greater than 4,920 pounds. RISP are enforcing these regulations.

6. Bob from Lincoln: Asked who he can speak to about a depression in front of his driveway and mailbox on Sunset Drive in Lincoln, where he said gas pipes had recently been replaced and they are now doing the road

We passed Bob’s concerns on to Town of Lincoln DPW.

Contact Us

- Call RIDOT for potholes, litter, debris in roadway at [222-2378](tel:222-2378)
- Website link to Gene’s show: www.ridot.net/news
- Call weekdays from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. [222-2450](tel:222-2450) or Email for help: help@ridot.net
- Website for help: www.ridot.net/help
- Road kill – DEM – 222-3070 ([recently killed deer only](#)). Otherwise call RIDOT at 222-2378
- Bike Path issues: DEM – 222-3070 for East Bay and Blackstone bikeways. Otherwise, the city or town in which the path is located is the proper contact.
- National Grid [1-800-322-3223](tel:1-800-322-3223)
- RIPTA [784-9500](tel:784-9500)
- MBTA [1-800-392-6100/617-222-3200](tel:1-800-392-6100/617-222-3200)

